

Joseph Ernest Smith

1850-1950 Lehi Centennial Biography

Joseph Ernest Smith was born January 28, 1887, in Lehi, Utah, son of Samuel Abraham Smith and Harriet Jane Webb. He attended the public school, high school of Lehi, and Agricultural College of Logan.

He was ordained successfully to the office of teacher, priest, elder, and seventy; and served as missionary in the Northwestern States Mission in 1919-1921, acting as President of Montana Conference for 19 months. He was secretary and teacher in the Fourth Ward Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association; was instructor of the Youth Leadership; teacher in Sunday School; stake missionary, and High Councilman, was ordained a High Priest and served as first counselor to Bishop Thomas Leonard Peterson for three years.

He was Bishop of the Lehi Fourth Ward from October 24, 1926, to November 14, 1937, and at present is First Counselor to Virgil H. Peterson in the Stake High Priest Quorum.

In 1916, he married Mary Elizabeth Fox and they were blessed with two children, Utella and Ernest J.

He served as Lehi City Councilman six years, Justice of the Peace 1938-39, director of the Pleasant Grove National Farm Loan Association, 1835-46; director and secretary of Metropolitan Water District of Lehi, March 9, 1937, to present time; director of Lehi Irrigation Company, January 1948, to present time; and Deputy Assessor of Utah County for three years.

He is a farmer and cattle raiser by vocation.